

**DECLARATION, POWER OF ATTORNEY AND PETITION**

As the below named inventor, I hereby declare:

my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **DEVICE FOR STORING DISC-SHAPED DATA CARRIERS**,

the specification of which

[ ] is attached hereto.

☒ was filed on 5/11/01 as Application Serial No. 09/831676  
and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

☒ was described and claimed in PCT International Application No. PCT/EP99/08715  
and as amended under PCT Article 19 on \_\_\_\_\_ (if any).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent & Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

**PRIORITY CLAIM UNDER 35 USC § 119(a)-(d)**

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119(a)-(d) or §365(b) of any foreign applications(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or §365(a) of any PCT International Applications designating at least one country other than the U.S. listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT International Applications designating at least one country other than the U.S. having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

[ ] no such applications have been filed

[X] application(s) listed below:

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CLAIM FOR BENEFIT OF PROVISIONAL APPLICATION UNDER 35 USC §119(e)

PROVISIONAL APPLICATION NO.

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s), or §365(c) of any PCT International Application(s) designating the U.S. listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

| (App. Serial No.) | (Filing date) | (Status) (patented, pending, abandoned) |
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PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATIONS

(Filed More Than Twelve Months (Six Months for Design) Prior To This Application)

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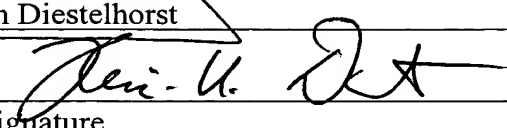
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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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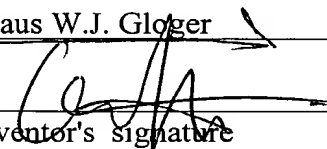
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